**Increase in Issue Price of Essential Commodities Under PDS**

@1395. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
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Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue price of wheat, sugar and rice for the public distribution system has been increased recently; and

(b) if so the details thereof indicating the reasons for such hike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) With a view to partially absorb the increase in the procurement prices of wheat and paddy to farmers during 1992-93 and consequential increase in their procurement cost the Central issue prices (ex-FCI godown) of wheat and rice issued the States/Union Territories by Food Corporation of India from the Central pool for the public distribution system (PDS) have been increased with effect from 11-1-93 as under:-

(Rs. per quintal)

| Commodity | Central issue price | |
|---|---|---|
| | Prior to 11-1-93 | From 11-1-93 |
| Wheat | 280.00 | 330.00 |
| Rice | | |
| Common | 377.00 | 437.00 |
| Fine | 437.00 | 497.00 |
| Superfine | 458.00 | 518.00 |

The retail issue price of levy sugar has been revised upward from Rs. 6.90 per kg. to Rs. 8.30 per kg. with effect from 17-2.1993 in order to recoup the deficit in the Levy sugar Equalisation Fund and due to increase in Statutory Minimum Price of Sugarcane and conversion/distribution cost.

**सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अंतर्गत चीनी की बिक्री**

@@1396. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
**श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :**

क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से बेची जाने वाली चीनी की मात्रा अब देश में बेची जाने वाली चीनी की कुल मात्रा का केवल 40 प्रतिशत होगी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका पूर्ववर्ती प्रतिशत कितना था ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से बेची जाने वाली चीनी की कम आपूर्ति को ध्यान में रखते हुये, अब उपभोक्ताओं को खुले बाजार से चीनी खरीदनी पड़ेगी;

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